Bible & Daily Living

Luke's Gospel

By William L. Trimyer
FROM A PHYSICAN'S PEN
Lesson for December 5, 1982
Bible Study Passages: Luke 1:1-4; 5:29-32; 8:19-21; 9:18-22 .
INTRODUCTION

The Gospel according to Luke has generally been held in high esteem, perhaps owing to Luke's recording of the birth narrative. When Christmas is celebrated in the church the Lukan nativity story is often read or sung.

Church history pinpoints Luke as a Gentile physician. Little is known about this man, his family, or his practice as a physician. We know that Paul referred to him as "Luke, the beloved physician. . ." (Col. 4:14).

There is little doubt that Paul held Luke in high esteem. It is possible that Luke came to faith in Christ through the ministry and influence of Paul.

Luke's use of "eyewitnesses" forces us to conclude that he probably had no personal contacts with Jesus. But this fact does not obscure his zest for Christ. I would bet that Luke was a good physician who sought to blend his skills and his faith into a holistic approach to medicine and healing. When Luke practiced medicine, he took care to treat the body and the soul.

LUKE'S INTRODUCTION (Luke 1:1-4)

Luke is seen as author of two New Testament writings, Luke and Acts. The Gospel narrative describes the ministry of Jesus while Acts is a historical narrative of the church's growth. It appears that Luke was acquainted with a friend for whom he held high regards. His name was Theophilus. He is not a prominent New Testament person, but he was obviously prominent in the eyes of Luke.

It is safe to assume that Luke wrote after Mark introduced his Gospel. We may assume from Luke's reference to "others" that he drew from other people who had written accounts of activities of Jesus. It is certain that Luke learned a great deal about Jesus and vicariously knew him through the experiences of others who had seen Jesus.

A FRIEND TO SINNERS (Luke 5:29-32)

Luke was surely moved by Jesus' relationship to sinners. Luke emphasizes the compassionate spirit of Jesus towards the "least of these." Luke surely felt some kinship with Jesus who was also a physician and healer. When he heard that Jesus talked about the sick needing a physician, Luke could relate to what Jesus was saying.

Luke treated people who were sick. A healthy person has no need of a physician. In like manner, Jesus sought out those who were in touch with their brokenness and therefore receptive to healing.

TRUE KINFOLK (Luke 8:19-21)

We don't know a great deal about the blood relationships of Jesus, but we do know something about what it means to be kin to him through faith. There were some in Jesus' immediate family who thought he was a little peculiar. They did not fully understand his mission until later on in his life.

Jesus always identified his true family as those who hear and do the will of God. Thus, Jesus' family extends beyond his personal family tree to include all those who follow him in faith.

A SAVIOR WHO SUFFERS (Luke 9:18-22)

Many people looked for a militant savior who would blast the Roman military machine out of existence. Many shoulders sagged when Jesus took on the role of sufferer for the redemption of people rather than military leader.

The notion of a suffering Savior does not square with the modern notion of power and might. In a strange twist of irony we note that the power of the Gospel and the suffering Savior is greater than any earthly power or military weapon.

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Revival planned

Revival services are being held at Vera Church of God each night this week, through Sunday.

The Rev. Keith Davidson, state evangelist for the Church of God, will be the guest speaker. The services get underway each night at 7:30 p.m.

Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

Concert set

The Golden Trumpeteers of Appomattox will be in concert at Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Stonewall this Sunday, Dec. 5, at 3 p.m.

This event is sponsored by the Ladies' Club.

GETTING READY FOR CHRISTMAS- Members of the Stitch and Chatter Club of the Appomattox Court House Presbyterian Church, plus one male visitor/helper, Eugene Bell, step long enough to pose for a picture. The club, made up of women from the church, and accepting the help of an occasional talented and willing male, offer for sale at their annual Christmas bazaar, beautiful handmade gifts, Christmas decorations, home baked goods, and this year, they're offering canned homemade stew. The bazaar will be open on December 3 from 10 a.m. until 8 p.m. and again on December 4 from 9 a.m. until 12 noon. (Photo by Frances Paulette)

At Liberty Baptist

Cantata slated

The Sanctuary Choir of Liberty Baptist Church directed by Mrs. J. Franklin Vaughan will present the Christmas Cantata "Christmas Rhapsody" by Don Wyrtzen, Phil and Lynn Brower on Sunday evening, Dec. 5, 1982 at 7:30.

The musical portrays the beauty and simplicity of Christmas from old England to colonial days to present day. It will prepare you for the approaching Christmas season. It will create for you a warm and inspirational time. Come share, the joy, the beauty and the simplicity of the Christ child.

Choir members are: Judy Marshall, Kitty Farris, Lucille Ferrell, Edith McCormick, Ava Ferguson, Beulah Jamerson, Nancy Doss, Peggy Marshall, Mary Ellen Chandler, Doris Nash, Colette Jamerson, Carole Beaty, Virginia Martin, Phyllis Winters, Betty Rhodenizer, Lois Williams, Nancy Dawson, Gloria Richardson, Joyce Bennett, Nina Beasley, Joe Vaughan, Steve Marshall, Teddy Mitchell, Tom Ranson, J. D. Martin, Franklin Vaughan, Ben Marshall, Gary Youngblood, Sammy Dickerson and Vernelle Mitchell.

Jordan news

The Junior Choir will practice Saturday, Dec. 4, at 4 p.m.

The Young Adult Choir will practice Dec. 7 at 7 p.m.

The Song Committee will meet at 7 p.m. Dec. 6. The Senior Choir will meet Dec. 6 at 7:30 p.m. to discuss business. The Senior Ch will meet Dec. 9 at 7 p.m. for practice.

The Rev. C. L. Elliott will preach his Christmas messages on the second Sunday evening of the month at 5:30 p.m.

Pamplin bazaar slated

The annual Pamplin Methodist Bazaar will be held this Saturday, Dec. 4 in the Masonic Building in Pamplin.

Featured at the event will be a variety of crafts, brunswick stew, barbeque, cakes and pies.

The public is cordially invited to attend this event.

4-H News

Coleman's 4-H Club

Mrs. Coleman's 6th Grade 4-H Club held its November meeting. Thr recreation leaders led us in a song and the game Four Corners. Mr. Sweet passed out last year's projects. The secretary read the minutes of the last meeting. For our program Mr. Sweet showed slides on Share-The Fun and told us about this year's Share-The Fun program.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Frieda Fitch, Reporter

Letters

Firemen cited

To the citizens of the Town and County of Appomattox:

Moses Motor Co. wants to take this opportunity to salute and congratulate the members of the Appomattox Volunteer Fire Co.

We realize that your untiring efforts in helping the citizens of Appomattox and the adjoining counties during their times of peril in all kinds of inclement weather is a star in your crown.

For the excellent manner in which you conduct yourselves, and your department, our hats are off to you on this, your day. We commend you for your helping hand you give to your neighbors when needed. Your department has never failed to respond when called upon. We shall always be grateful for your help and we wish you continued success throughout the years.

Sincerely,
C.T. Moses, Jr.
Moses Motor Co.

Thanks!

Dear Editor,

We would like to express our grateful thanks to everyone who helped to make our Halloween party such a success. The following people have our appreciation.

Jim Morris, our partner, who happily baked cup cakes and cookies.

Mayor Ronnie Spiggle for being our master of ceremonies.

Mike Weiss, manager of American Federal Savings and Loan Association, for copying the party invitations.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Blanks and their daughter, Sarah, who grew and donated the pumpkins for the party.

Mrs. Teresa Isom who donated a homemade Jack-O-Lantern cake for the centerpiece.

The judges Mayor Ronnie Spiggle, Mr. Bob Jamerson and Grace Morris. and photographer Mrs. Vicky Frazier of Spout Spring.

mr. and Mrs. Brian O'Donnell, owners of Appomattox Children's Center, who donated some of the door prizes.

Last but not least our special thanks to Miss Patricia Gaines who donated a lot of her time and efforts in helping to plan our party.

Sincerely,
Mr. and Mrs. Perry Wright
John Mosby Inn

Citrus fruit has arrived

The FFA citrus fruit will arriv on Monday, Dec. 6. Individuals wh ordered fruit may pick it up Appomattox County High Scho from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m. Monda through Friday, Dec. 6 from 10 a.r until 5 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. and on Sunday, Dec. 12, from 1 un 4 p.m.

Fruit will be reserved for tho individuals who placed orders un Thursday at 9 a.m. and after th time any fruit not picked up will sold on a first come, first serv basis.

WOW sets banquet

The Woodmen of the World wil have their annual Christmas banquet on December 4 at the Lodge Hall beginning at 6:00 p.m. All members and their guests are invited to attend.

The ladies are asked to bring their favorite dessert.

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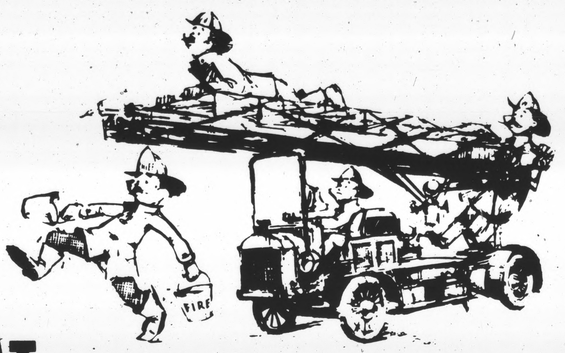

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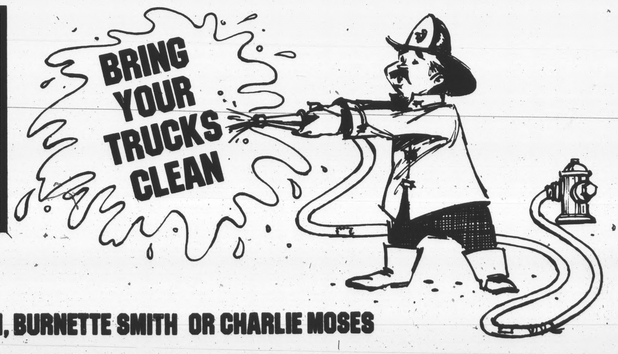

MEMBER FROM 4-H CLUB WILL BE ON HAND WITH TICKETS FOR A 1983 CHEVETTE TO BE GIVEN AWAY DEC. 21st.

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